

More Big Aluminum Plants Slated for Torrance Location

In addition to the \$7,296,000 aluminum extrusion plant to be operated by Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corporation, The Herald learned from sources believed to be reliable that one and possibly two other aluminum plants are to be built in the same location—between Western and Normandie aves., south of 190th st.

As announced exclusively in The Herald last week, contract for the Bohn plant has already been let by the Defense Plant Corporation in Washington. It includes \$5,538,000 for the plant and \$1,758,000 for land and buildings. Purchase of the site in the Torrance area is already in escrow, it was learned.

Negotiations for additional land adjoining the Bohn site are now under way, and it is reported that the Aluminum Corporation of America and perhaps one other large concern will operate plants there. Approximately 225 acres are to be purchased in all.

According to those close to the situation, the plan is to ship aluminum billets to the Torrance plants. The Bohn concern will roll sheets and other aluminum forms, which in turn will be fabricated by Alcoa, into finished products.

Agents have been active recently in obtaining options on other sites in the Los Angeles Shoe String strip adjoining Torrance and it is expected that further important industrial developments will be announced soon, although the exact nature of the plants has not yet been disclosed.

Yule Club Savings Total \$75,000 Here

By this weekend, approximately \$75,000 will be started thru the channels of trade here by some 1,500 persons who deposited various amounts regularly during the past 52 weeks in Christmas Club savings accounts at the Torrance National Bank and Bank of America.

This ready cash, painlessly accumulated during the past 12 months, is proving very welcome to the Christmas Club members. It is providing funds to meet tax bills, Defense Bond purchases and Christmas shopping requirements.

Heads of both local banks, J. Wallace Post of Torrance National and Dean Sears, manager of the Bank of America, pointed out that the total savings released here is considerably higher than last year. Post issued Christmas checks to club members Tuesday and Sears will send out the funds to his depositors this weekend.

\$48.50 Average Saving

The local bankers pointed out that the 1942 Christmas Club is now open and enrollments are being accepted daily. Speaking for the Bank of America, Sears stated that the statewide total in 1941 Christmas Club savings, exceeding \$18,000,000, is \$2,000,000 higher than last year's record mark, an increase of 12.5 per cent. He declared that this indicated that more and more citizens are learning to organize their savings, strengthening the economic structure and yielding profit to themselves and their communities.

Nationally, 400 million dollars is being distributed to more than eight million Christmas Club members by approximately 5,000 banking and savings institutions. The total national distribution is about 10 per cent in excess of 1940 and the average distribution per member amounts to \$48.50, the same as for 1940.

Based upon recent reports from individual Christmas Club members and applying these reports to the entire distribution for 1941, the estimated fund of \$400,000,000 will be used by the recipients approximately as follows:

USE	Percent
Christmas purchases	33.8
Permanent Savings	24.5
Year End Bills	12.8
Insurance Premiums	11.5
Taxes	11.1
Education, Travel, Charity	3.5
Mortgage Interest	1.1
Unclassified	1.1

About \$25,000,000.00 of the amount permanently saved this year will be used for purchases of U. S. Defense Savings Bonds.

"The Early Bird" GETS THE PICK!

There Are Only **23** MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL **CHRISTMAS**

Victim of Stabbing Refuses Prosecution After Pueblo Fray

Altho she accused one Angel Carnica of inflicting a superficial stab wound in her left shoulder last Sunday night, Mrs. Soledad Salas, wife of the proprietor of the Monterey cafe in the Pueblo, refused Monday to sign a complaint charging Carnica with assault with a deadly weapon.

Mrs. Salas told police she was dancing at the cafe with a patron when Carnica stabbed her. She was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital for the minor cut while police arrested Carnica on an intoxication charge. No knife was found, or floors reported.

OPM Asked to Release Building Supplies

Local Officers Now Taking FBI Training Course

Local officers are now taking a six-day training course in the handling of civilians in semi-military assignment of duties and the suppression of sabotage.

Police Chief John Stroh has Captains Frank Schumacher and Ernest Ashton to attend a special FBI police war training course being given at the Los Angeles police department academy center in Elysian park.

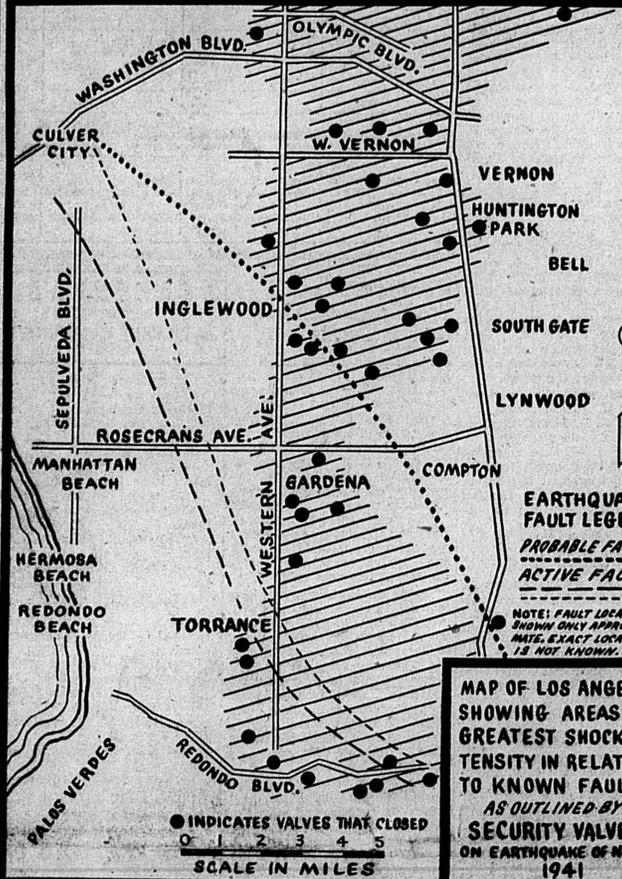
The two local officers, together with picked men from other police departments, are undergoing an intensive six-day training in the handling of civilians in semi-military assignment of duties and the suppression of sabotage.

Training in blackout and poison gas control is also being given the Torrance officers who, in turn, will instruct the other men on the department here.

Sixty out of a desired 100 Torrance-Lomita men have been recruited by Torrance police to form an auxiliary police force which would be incorporated into the Torrance and sheriff's Vermont ave., substation forces in event of an emergency in this area.

Chief Stroh announced today that he is closing recruiting for the civilian police training school Sunday, Nov. 30, in order to start arranging with Capt. W. Bergh of the sheriff's substation No. 3, the course of instruction. This will be given in the Civic Auditorium afternoons and evenings.

New Type Gas Shutoff Valves Fix Earthquake Intensity Area



The shaded area on the above map shows the area in which the Nov. 14 earthquake shock reached an intensity over V (by Modified Mercalli Scale). Although these valves have been installed in Los Angeles schools and many public buildings for two years, this is the first time a quake of sufficient intensity to trip them off has occurred.

This is the first time in history of seismological science that such specific data was available for study. Its greatest value, according to California Institute of Technology, is in observing the action on different areas of the Southwest in relation to the earthquake epicenters.

R. C. RESERVE CORPS DUTIES OUTLINED

By CASPER CLEMMER, First Aid Chairman, Volunteer Red Cross Reserve Corps.

As there has been some considerable general interest expressed in the work of the local Volunteer Reserve Corps unit of the American Red Cross during the recent quake I would like to explain how it functions.

The VRC is the First Aid and Rescue unit of the Red Cross and its members undergo an intensive training course designed to prepare them for just such emergencies as the one we in Torrance have recently experienced. They are charged by Congress to work with the authorities to rescue, establish first aid stations and assist in rehabilitation of victims of disasters.

Your local members have each had approximately 200 hours of this specialized training which at present includes such things as chemical warfare (treatment of gas victims and handling of incendiary bombs) as well as surveys of property damage in devastated areas, plus, of course, plenty of Advanced First Aid work.

Merchants Sponsor Grid Banquet Dec. 3 in Civic Auditorium

Instituting what members hope will be an annual event, the Torrance Business Men's Association decided this week to sponsor a banquet to be served in the Civic Auditorium next Wednesday night, Dec. 3, in honor of the Torrance high school football squad and band.

About 100 are expected to attend the affair with at least one parent of each team member being urged to be present in addition to the official hosts, the business men of Torrance.

A program, featuring one or more outstanding football coaches, and some musical numbers is being arranged. Principal Thomas H. Elson will be master-of-ceremonies. The dinner will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

All organization heads are invited to attend the football banquet and those who are really interested in the boys. Reservations may be made at the high school not later than Monday afternoon, Dec. 1.

Invention Works in Torrance Quake, Aiding Scientists

Location of the area of greatest earthquake intensity can now be determined with reasonable accuracy for the first time, as a result of installation of earthquake-operated gas shutoff valves.

Within a few hours after the Nov. 14 shock centered near Torrance, seismologists at the Pasadena Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology had a map outlining the area in which this quake occurred.

Twelve hours after the Torrance earthquake shock seismologists at the Pasadena Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology were able, for the first time, to determine with fair accuracy the area of greatest intensity, by means of earthquake-operated gas shutoff valves, recently installed in many Southern California industrial plants.

Prevents Fire

Heretofore, the only method available, without too expensive and elaborate equipment, was to gather the indefinite scattered reports from areas where "dishes rattled," others where "plaster fell" or "chimneys toppled."

"There has been a scientific need," said John P. Buwalda, head of the Cal-Tech Geology Department, "for some simple, supplementary instrument scattered over the local intensity of tremors. This is the nearest thing to it we have yet had."

The Los Angeles manufacturer, automatic gas shutoff valve, is already installed in all Los Angeles Schools and many public buildings as well as industrial plants for the purpose of automatically shutting off the gas supply in case of shocks over a predetermined intensity. It is a well-known fact to all seismologists and municipal officials that fire is a greater

Herald Will Return to First Restored Building

Effective Monday morning, next week, the editorial and business office of The Herald will be back in its customary location at 1336 El Prado. This welcome information was given The Herald today by J. H. Pine, contractor, to whom goes the distinction of completing the first major re-construction job following the Nov. 14 earthquake.

The tremor so damaged the front part of The Herald building, that it was found necessary to raze the entire office portion, which has been re-built along more modern lines.

During the past two hectic weeks members of the editorial and business staffs have been temporarily quartered in the adjoining building, whose only entrance was through the rear alley, as this building was also undergoing re-building operations.

Big Issue Sold Out

Working without heat, amidst dust and noise, in typical newspaper tradition The Herald staff stuck to its job. In fact, last week's issue was on the streets earlier than usual with a full account of the earthquake. In spite of the fact that more than 1,000 extra copies of last week's edition were printed, the entire issue was completely sold out a few hours after it came off the press.

The Herald regrets its inability to supply the demand for additional copies last week, but is re-printing the two full pages of earthquake pictures in this issue, as well as additional information on the historic tremor.

A large quantity of extra copies will be printed which may be obtained at any newsstand, street salesboy or The Herald office. Those wishing copies for mailing to friends are requested to make their purchases as early as possible, as it is impossible to anticipate the demand.

BUSINESS MEN DELAY YULE SHOPPING EVENT ONE WEEK

Because Santa Claus is unable to come to Torrance until Friday, Dec. 5, and because the Nov. 14 earthquake has interfered with merchants' plans for a gala Yuletide display, the opening of the Christmas shopping season in Torrance has been delayed one week. But on Friday, Dec. 5, all plans for launching the biggest and busiest holiday period in the history of the city will be completed.

On that day, Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive here on a huge decorated float at 11:30 a.m. and tour the city until 3 p.m. That night the first of the Christmas Carol programs by local boys and girls will be presented in El Prado park as the Yule lights are turned on for the first time.

And the complete Swiss village of six large replicas of a church and chalets will be illuminated in the park near Cravens ave., that evening. Several of the structures, made by City Recreation department workers under direction of Dale Riley, have been placed in the park preparatory for final arrangement and lighting.

The program of caroling, from 7 to 8 o'clock in illuminated El Prado Park by groups of school singers, was originally planned to start Monday night, Dec. 1.

City Speeds Plea For Materials To Washington

An urgent request for easement of priority regulations to permit immediate reconstruction of public and private business buildings damaged by the Nov. 14 earthquake in Torrance was airmailed to OPM officials in Washington by the Torrance city council Tuesday night and is being followed up by City Attorney J. E. McCall who is speeding to the capital by train.

Warned by Sam Levy that builders face considerable delay in obtaining reinforcing steel and other materials unless OPM extends priority rating preference, the council immediately drafted a resolution "urging the National Priorities Board to make available steel of other building supplies to repair buildings in this vicinity damaged by the earthquake of Nov. 14." McCall left yesterday for Washington where he will make direct contact with OPM authorities regarding the local reconstruction situation and attend the convention of the National Association of Municipal Attorneys.

Levy reported that post-quake statements attributed to Frank R. McGregor, OPM priorities regional co-ordinator and acting manager for the Los Angeles priorities office, were found premature and practically worthless when he attempted to secure material for rehabilitation of his buildings here.

LEVY WIRES ONE WORD REASON FOR REPAIRS

"OPM apparently never heard we've had a quake here," Levy told the council, "and unless you get to work letting them know the city will appreciate assistance in getting steel and other building materials, we may be a long time getting back to order."

"As the matter stands now, each builder will have to wait his turn for steel and will have to specify every piece he wants. This will have to be listed on a form, photostated in Los Angeles, sent to Washington, sent back to here—and then you'll have to try to get your material. When I had my request transmitted to Washington, OPM officials there wanted to know why I wanted to make the repairs. I wired the one word: 'Earthquake.'"

The local business man suggested that Washington could appoint a steel distributor here for the duration of the emergency and local builders could then clear all requests thru him. Levy urged McCall to fly to the capital but the attorney reminded him: "Mr. Levy, I have a wife and three children."

ORDER REPAIRS ON TWO CITY BUILDINGS

McCall said he would obtain the services of the counsel for the Municipal Attorneys' association to assist him in presenting the case of Torrance buildings before the OPM authorities.

After hearing lengthy reports on the history, condition of the structures after the quake and suggestions for their rehabilitation from Walker and Eisen, Los Angeles architects, the council accepted the plans for the repair of the Municipal Water department building and central fire station on Cravens ave. Walker and Eisen, who designed all of the civic center structures and supervised their construction in 1936, will take charge of the work for a seven percent fee. No cost estimates were given.

Reconstruction of the Municipal Water office front will make that building one of the most attractive in the city, a survey of the tentative plans reveals. Using structural glass and a recess design the exterior will present a garden-like appearance with growing plants framed the whole length by glass brick. The interior will be remodeled to give Water Superintendent William H. Stanger an open office, divided from the rest of the front by only a wainscoted railing. The ceiling will be covered with acoustic celotex and asphaltic tile will be laid on the floor.

Old Vault was 'Battering Ram'

Plans for the repair of the central fire station are only tentative as yet but will include a new tower wherein hoses are drained and removal of the large concrete vault on the second story which Walker and Eisen blamed for most of the damage to that structure. This vault was not removed after the second floor was abandoned as city offices and during the quake it "acted as a battering ram on the front wall," the architects reported.

The fire department garage, whose front fire wall collapsed, will be repaired on a new design and the tower partitions removed from the second floor up.

These two buildings were the only city structures damaged by the quake. The water department office is now temporarily located in the Chamber of Commerce building on El Prado.

Contractors Must File Insurance Certificates

City Engineer Glenn Jain reported on other post-quake developments. He said the State Structural Engineering Board had found no flaws in the emergency building ordinance which the council adopted Nov. 17. He pointed out that under a new state law that became effective Sept. 13, all contractors must file certificates that they and their sub-contractors (who must be listed) are carrying compensation insurance for all workers. This certificate must be filed with the city-engineer at the time building permits are applied for.

Jain also recommended that the city subscribe \$30 for a membership in the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference and thus be entitled to receive privileges of active membership. His recommendation was followed and now the city will obtain the latest authoritative data on building matters relating to the uniform building code.

Mayor Tom McGuire stated that Governor Olsen had been requested to assist the city in its rehabilitation program by authorizing state structural engineers and inspectors to work with the city engineer. He said Olsen had referred the request to the Los Angeles office of the state building department but that agency had reported it was unable to send men here.

L. A. Experts Reported Available

"A second call to the Governor resulted in his repeating his request to the Los Angeles office late last week," McGuire said. "Now we expect one and possibly two inspectors will be sent here. Men from the chief engineer's office in Sacramento were here today and approved our emergency building ordinance."

The mayor said the city had employed Frank H. Cannon, structural engineer recommended by Los Angeles city, county and the state, to assist Jain in checking plans of reconstruction jobs. The Los Angeles Board of Building and Safety has 20 engineers and 80 inspectors qualified to serve and these can be loaned to the city at cost to help in the work of checking plans and making inspections.

An appropriation of \$100 was voted City Attorney McCall to partially pay his expenses to and from Washington. He expects to be gone about three weeks.